

Old Customs House
King and Sixth Streets
Wilmington
New Castle County
Delaware

HABS No. DE-188

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| STATE Delaware | | COUNTY New Castle | TOWN OR VICINITY Wilmington |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Old Customs House | | | HABS NO. DE-188 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE | | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) King and Sixth Streets | | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1855 | | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Ammi Burnham Young | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Of national significance, not only because of its design, the recognized talents of its architect, but also for its role in the development of fire proof architecture and cast iron technology. Housed the Customs Department and the U.S. Courtroom. | | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival | | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stone, Iron, and Cement. | | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Simple rectangular building, 56' x 80' | | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A two story structure (three bay King Street facade and five bay Sixth Street facade) with a low-pitched hipped roof, raised stone basement, triple entrance doors, projecting center pedimented pavilion, pilasters at building corners, and bracketed cornice. | | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior center hall with offices disposed on either side, iron construction and detailing. | | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Slight additions made in 1869; repairs made to cornice 1929; building repainted in 1968. | | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Public Building, General Service Administration--Owner | | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE | | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register Nomination Form, 1978 | | | |
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